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1. ON AUGUST 30, DAYAN'S AIDE, RUBINSTEIN, PASSED TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR TEXT OF MOST RECENT LETTER ON ILMAC FROM DAYAN TO WALDHEIM. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE THAT DAYAN'S COMMENTS TO AMBASSADOR IN REFTEL ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF HIS MEETING BOUTROS IN NEW YORK UNDER WALDHEIM'S SPONSORSHIP DO NOT CAPTURE FULL FLAVOR OF GOI MESSAGE. THAT IDEA IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE LETTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL,
I ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS RECEIPT OF MR. URQUHART'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR CHANA OF 11 AUGUST 1978 IN WHICH HE TRANSMITTED THE REPLY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON TO MY LETTER TO YOU OF 3 AUGUST 1978.

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IN THIS LETTER THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON REAFFIRMS THE CURRENT VALIDITY OF THE 1949 GENERAL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON.

THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTER ITS OBLIGATION TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL THE CLAUSES OF THE 1949 GENERAL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE

GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT, BY ACQUIESCING IN THE PRESENCE OF TERRORIST CAMPS ON ITS TERRITORY AND IN TOLERATING THE TRAINING AND ACTIVITY OF TERRORIST GROUPS CARRYING OUT WARLIKE AND HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST ISRAEL, IS IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE 1949 GENERAL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL STRONGLY PROTESTS AGAINST THIS VIOLATION AND CALLS UPON THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PREVENT ANY TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

WHILE RENEWING ITS WILLINGNESS TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON THE 1949 GENERAL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES IN ORDER TO PREVENT SUCH ATTACKS.

I WOULD KINDLY ASK YOU TO BRING THE TEXT OF THIS LETTER TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT.

YOURS SINCERELY, MOSHE DAYAN, END TEXT. HART

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